



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

March 1, 2026

They declared that the sum of their guilt or error had amounted only to this, that on an appointed day they had been accustomed to meet before Daybreak, and to recite a hymn antiphonally to Christ, as to a God, and to bind themselves by an oath, not for the commission of any crime but to abstain from theft, robbery, adultery and the breach of faith, and not to deny a deposit when it was claimed. After the conclusion of the ceremony, it was their custom to depart and meet again to take food; But it was only ordinary and harmless food, and they had ceased this practice after my edict in which, in accordance with your orders, I had forbidden secret societies.

-Letter from Pliny the Younger to the Emperor Trajan (c. 112 AD)

Announcements and Call to Worship

Prelude for Worship

Call to Worship Hymn Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (334)

Brethren, we have met to worship, And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit, Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna, Will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you, Slumb'ring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving, Can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers, And our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray and holy manna, Will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, Let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, Till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven, At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself, and serve us, With sweet manna all around.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 44:1-8

44 "But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! ²Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. ³For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. ⁴They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. ⁵This one will say, 'I am the Lord's,' another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, 'The Lord's,' and name himself by the name of Israel." Besides Me There Is No God ⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

The Lord's Supper and Pastoral Prayer

(A gluten-free alternative will be served in the transept seating area near the organ)

Hymn Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (188)

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

Hymn Speak, O Lord (368)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:36-47

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Sermon Dr. Blair Waddell

‘The Corporate Witness’ Acts 2:42-47

Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be (393)

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee, Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold,
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as You shall choose, Ev'ry pow'r as You shall choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine,
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline

'The Corporate Witness' Acts 2:42-47

- I. A brief recap of Acts to date (Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:4-8; Ezekiel 11, 36, & 37); The Holy Spirit inhabits people, changing their hearts and regenerating their souls so that they may be an empowered witness to the good news of King Jesus.
- II. Who is the 'they'? (Acts 2:41)
- III. What were 'they' doing as part of their new experience as Christians? (Acts 2:42)
 - a. 'Devoted'- (in Greek 'posketereo', Acts 2:46, 6; Colossians 4:2)
 - b. Apostolic teaching (Luke 24:44-45; Acts 1:3)
 - c. Fellowship (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
 - d. Breaking bread (1 Corinthians 11:20-22, 33-34)
 - e. Prayer (Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- IV. What was the effect? (Acts 2:43-47)
 - a. Worship
 - b. Wonders and Signs (through the Apostles)
 - c. Common belief & Shared possessions (James 2:25-27; 1 John 3:17-18)
 - d. Gathering as a corporate witness- publicly and privately
 - e. Praise
 - f. Recognized by others
 - g. More people being saved
- V. Examine your fruit
 - a. As a member of this body, what are you devoting yourself to?
 - b. What is the fruit among us? Changed Hearts = Changed Lives

K Group Questions for March 4

1. Why was the pastor so insistent that there be no 'pause between Acts 2:41 and Acts 2:42?
2. What does it mean to be devoted to the teaching of the Apostles? What does that look like in practice today?
3. What does it mean to be devoted to the fellowship of believers? What does that look like in practice today?
4. Why is it important for the church to celebrate the Lord's Supper and gather to pray? What do these activities communicate to the outside world?
5. In what way would the church acting like the church be attractive to outsiders? What could you do personally in light of what we have discussed?

Announcements

❖ - New Announcement

Weekly Happenings:

Monday-Saturday

Men's Morning Bible Studies – Contact Scott Dolloff

Wednesday

K Groups @ 6:00 PM - Host Homes/Youth at PBC

Adult Choir Rehearsal Immediately Following K Groups

Thursday

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study - Contact Sue Carter

Postpartum Support Groups

Moms with young babies, please join us for a time of casual fellowship and encouragement at Jennifer Holt's on March 11th at 9:30 AM. Older siblings are welcome. Contact Jennifer 205-601-3010 with any questions.

VBS 2026 Assistant Directors

In planning for VBS, PBS is looking for an assistant director(s) that will shadow this year and then reverse roles next year. This position can be covered by 1 person but ideally 2 people would be best due to the scope of the job. If you are interested in hearing more information or want to be considered for the position, fill out the following form: [VBS Assistant / Director](#) Please contact Kelly Nichols with any questions: kelly.nichols@live.com

For Your Calendar ...

March 1	Quarterly Members Update @ 4:00 PM
March 2	Deacons Meeting @ 6:30 PM
March 3	Elders Meeting @ 6:30 PM
March 10	Missions Ministry Team Meeting @ 6:30 PM
March 14	Ladies Book Group @ 9:15 AM
March 16-20	Spring Break – NO EVENTS AT PBC
March 22	1 st Quarter Sunday School Ends
March 24	Teaching Team Meeting
March 24	Deacons Meeting @ 6:30 PM
March 27	Games at Valley View @ 2:30 PM
March 29	2 nd Quarter Sunday School Begins